



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Bruce G. Gold

Art Unit: 1647

Application No. 09/130,887

Filed: August 7, 1998

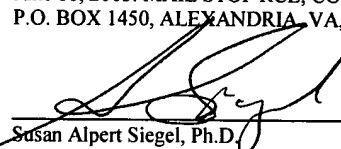
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
PROMOTING NERVE REGENERATION

Examiner: Sharon L. Turner

Date: June 10, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as being attached or enclosed herewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, Label No. EV338047972US, on June 10, 2003: MAIL STOP RCE, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA, 22313-1450.


Susan Alpert Siegel, Ph.D.
Agent for Applicant

MAIL STOP RCE
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

JUN 16 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

6. (Previously Amended) A method of identifying a FK506 analog that stimulates nerve cell growth, the method comprising:

I
screening a plurality of FK506 analogs for binding to FKBP-12;

selecting a FK506 analog that has an apparent K_d for FKBP-12 of greater than 100 μM ;

and

assaying the FK506 analog for activity in promoting nerve cell growth, thereby identifying a FK506 analog that stimulates nerve cell growth.